Lesson Plan

Dave the Potter

Grade Level: Preschool

Introduction: Show students some Model Magic by Crayola and ask what they could make out of it.

Children’s answers are written on chart paper.

Talk to students about the cover of the book and ask what they see. What do they think the book is about?

Read the title of the book: Dave the Potter Artist, Poet, Slave

Count the number of words in the title

Discuss with students the meanings of artist, poet, and slave

Read the author’s name- Laban Carrick Hill

Ask students what an author does- He writes the words in the book.

Read the illustrator’s name- Bryan Collier

Ask students what an illustrator does-Draws the pictures in the book.

Read the first page. Point out that Dave was a slave. Explain what the slaves were ordered to do years ago. Talk about what Dave is doing in the illustration.

Read the next page and discuss what Dave is doing and what he might be thinking?

Continue reading until the end. Explain to students that slaves were not permitted to learn how to write but that Dave learned. Who do they think taught him how to write?

Go over to the chart paper the students responded at the beginning and go over what they said.

Give everyone a chance to make something out of their Model Magic by Crayola and using a sharp object, write their name and date to indicate it belong to them. After their creation is dry, allow students to paint it.